

BROCKTON AREA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

NEWS RELEASE

DATE: February 26, 2010

CONTACT PERSON: Sheila Sullivan-Jardim, Executive Director, Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board 34 School St. Brockton, Ma 02301. **Phone:** 508-584-3234 **Fax:** 508-584-3235
Email: ssjardim@bawib.org

Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board
Youth GED Program

The Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board (BAWIB), on behalf of Mayor Balzotti, is pleased to announce available funding for Youth between the ages of 16-24 who are seeking to obtain their GED but do not have the means to accomplish this goal.

The funding was developed in response to the passage of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Congress allocated workforce development funds through this bill to provide summer jobs and learning experiences for youth through the currently existing infrastructure of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998.

BAWIB has a strong commitment to advancing educational attainment of our residents and promotes Life Long Learning. As part of our efforts to achieve this goal, we fund several GED opportunities in our community.

BAWIB has approved the organizations listed below to provide youth with the instructions and support services necessary to obtain the GED Credential.

- Brockton Area Private Industry Council, Inc. (BAPIC)
- Brockton Community Schools Adult Learning Center
- MY TURN Inc.
- Training Resources of America, Inc.

Youth who may be interested in a GED program should contact Krystel Love, at BAWIB (508) 584-3234 for more information on eligibility and the enrollment process.

The Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board (BAWIB) is one of 16 Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) statewide working to build links between the business community and the workforce. The Boards oversee and implement workforce development activities in the Commonwealth. They are composed of private sector business people, labor, education, and community leaders, and serve as conduits for federal and state workforce development funds. The Workforce Boards also help connect employers with job seekers and provide current members of the workforce, and those seeking employment, with the training they need.